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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Cockermouth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my third Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health to the Cockermouth Rural District Council.

This has been a very full year for this department and a full account of the many and varied types of work undertaken in the year is included, although mainly in statistical form.

The poliomyelitis epidemic in neighbouring areas caused some alarm amongst the public, but the expected epidemic spread to this district did not materialise.

My thanks are again due to Mr. R. E. Dunn, the Public Health Inspector, for his continued co-operation and earnestness in all his work, and I would draw your attention to the reports on meat inspection, which he and Mr. Simpson undertake, particularly with regard to tuberculosis.

For his help in compiling the report in particular, and his co-operation and interest in all branches of our work, I would like to express my thanks to Mr. J. D. Hinde.

I would also like to express my appreciation of the continued help given to me by the staff of the various departments and the kindness shown to me by the Members of the Council.

Each year observers of rainfall in various parts of the district allow me to use their figures in this report, and I should like to extend my thanks to them for their courtesy.

Lam,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PATTERSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

### STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Medical Officer of Health:

J. PATTERSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

### Senior Sanitary Inspector:

R. E. DUNN, C.R.S.I.

(Certificates held:

Royal Sanitary Institute as

- (a) Sanitary Inspector,
- (b) Inspector of Meats and other Foods)

### Additional Sanitary Inspector:

G. J. SIMPSON, C.R.S.I.

(Certificates held:

Royal Sanitary Institute as

- (a) Sanitary Inspector,
- (b) Inspector of Meats and other Foods. City & Guilds 1st Class Certificate in Plumbing)

Clerk and Assistant:

J. D. HINDE.

### STATISTICS AND DESCRIPTION OF AREA

Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid-1956) ... 19.510

Number of inhabited houses according to rate book ... 6.095

Rateable value at 31st December, 1956 ... ... £164,591

Product of a Penny Rate (1.4.56—31.3.57)... ... £647 16s. 0d.

The Cockermouth Rural District covers an area of 161,312 acres or approximately 250 square miles. 4,700 acres of the district are covered by in and water.

The Rural Area covers the north west portion of the Lake District of Cumberland and is bounded on the north by Wigton Rural District, on the east by Penrith Rural District, on the south west by Ennerdale Rural District and touches the County boundary at Dunmail Raise to the south.

The Borough of Workington adjoins the west and the Urban Districts of Maryport, Cockermouth and Keswick are surrounded by the Rural Area.

There are 32 parishes.

Generally speaking the eastern part of the district is mountainous and forms part of the Lake District National Park. Sheep farming is predominant and catering for holidaymakers forms a large local industry.

In the west of the district lies a coal mining area, part of the West Cumberland coalfield, and the villages there are more industrial in character. Various industries near the coast also give employment to people in these villages. There is also a considerable amount of dairy farming and much good arable land forms the edge of the Solway Plain in the Crosby and Oughterside areas.

There are two short lengths of coastline between Workington and Maryport and between Maryport and the boundary of Wigton Rural District, the latter stretch being much used in summer by holidaymakers.

### STATISTICS

The table of vital statistics are set out below, showing birth rates, death rates, and rates for maternal and infantile mortality.

Crude birth and death rates are corrected by means of an Area Comparability Factor supplied each year by the Registrar General. They allow for the varying age and sex distribution in each district and enable comparisons to be made with figures for other areas.

This year the factor for births is .98 and for deaths 1.08.

The total of live births were 317, an increase on the previous year, resulting in a birth-rate of 16.3 (16.0 corrected) compared with 13.4 in 1955. Seven of the births were illegitimate.

There was 1 still birth which represents a rate of 3.2 per thousand live births, compared with 5 (19.1) for 1955, 11 in 1954, and 8 in 1953. The National rate for 1956 is 23.0 per thousand live births.

The number of deaths at all ages was 247 which gives a death rate of 12.7 (13.7 corrected) compared with 11.75 (11.9 corrected) in 1955.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

There were 9 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, which shows a slight decrease over last year, almost half of the deaths being due to prematurity and occurring in the first week of life.

Cancer deaths fell from 32 to 25, although deaths due to cancer of the lung and bronchus increased by 3. These numbers are too small to be statistically significant.

One death from tuberculosis occurred during the year, the cause being miliary spread from a non-respiratory focus in a female aged 49 years.

### VITAL STATISTICS

### Population of the Rural District 19.510

### LIVE BIRTHS

		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Rate per 1,000 pop.	Rate per 1,000 pop.
Year						uncorrected	corrected
1951	Legitimate	152	151	303			
	Illigitimate	2	9	11	314	16.05	17.3
1952	Legitimate	150	124	274			
	Illegitimate	6	6	12	286	14.7	15.8
1953	Legitimate	149	132	281			
	Illegitimate	2	2	4	285	14.7	15.8
1954	Legitimate	127	129	256			
	Illegitimate	5	4	9	265	13.6	13.4
1955	Legitimate	140	113	253			
	Illegitimate	2	7	9	262	13.4	13.2
1956	Legitimate	167	145	312			
	Illegitimate	3	2	5	317	16.3	16.0

### STILL BIRTHS

		Males	Females	Total	Grand	Rate per 1,000
Year					Total	of population
1951	Legitimate	5	3	8		
	Illegitimate				8	0.40
1952	Legitimate	2	1	3		
	Illegitimate				3	0.15
1953	Legitimate	4	4	8		
	Illegitimate				8	0.41
1954	Legitimate	8	3	11		
	Illegitimate				11	0.57
1955	Legitimate	3	2	5		
	Illegitimate	_			5	0.26
1956	Legitimate	1		1		
	Illegitimate				1	0.05

### **DEATHS**

		Males	Females	Total	Rate per 1,000 pop.	Rate per 1,000 pop.
Year					uncorrected	corrected
1951	 	119	115	234	11.9	11.4
1952	 	125	114	239	12.3	11.8
1953	 	121	111	232	11.9	11.4
1954	 	127	98	225	11.6	11.7
1955	 	121	108	229	11.75	11.9
1956	 	124	123	247	12.7	13.7

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

Year	Deaths	Rate per	1,000 births
1951	0	-	
1952	1 (Mate	rnal causes) 3	.4
1953	0		
1954	0	-	<del>_</del>
1955	0	-	
1956	0	-	_

### INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES

		Deaths of infants der 1 yr.	All infants per 1,000 live births	Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births
1951	 	12	38	33	182
1952	 	16	56	51	167
1953	 	8	28	28	_
1954	 	6	23	23	_
1955	 	10	38	38	
1956	 	9	29	29	_

### TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

		Pulmonary T.B. deaths	Other T.B. deaths	Total T.B. deaths	Pulmonary T.B. death rate per 1,000 pop.	
1951	 	2	2	4	.10	.20
1952	 	2	1	3	.10	.15
1953	 	6	0	6	.31	.31
1954	 	2	0	2	.10	.10
1955	 	0	0	0		_
1956	 	0	1	1		.05

### TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RATES (uncorrected)

				`			
		1951	1952	1953	19 <i>5</i> 4	1955	1956
BIRTH RATE:							
England & Wales		15.5	15.5	15.5	15.2	15.0	15.7
County of Cumberland		17.1	17.3	16.7	16.4	16.4	16.9
Rural Districts of Cumb.		17.1	17.0	16.2	15.7	16.1	16.5
Cockermouth Rural		16.05	14.7	14.7	13.6	13.4	16.3
DEATH DATE.							
DEATH RATE:							
England & Wales		12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7	11.7
County of Cumberland		13.2	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.2	12.2
Rural Districts of Cumb.		13.1	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.1
Cockermouth Rural		11.9	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.75	12.7
							12.7
INFANTILE MORTALITY	:						
England & Wales		30	28	27	26	25	24
County of Cumberland		34	32	27	28	28	30
Rural Districts of Cumb.		35	34	24	30	29	29
Cockermouth Rural		38	56	28	23	38	29

### CAUSES OF DEATH

		-	   Males 	Females
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory		0	0
2 3	,. Other		0	1
3	Syphilitic disease		0	0
4	Diphtheria		0	0
5	Whooping Cough		0	0
6	Meningo-Coccal infections		0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis		0	0
8	Measles		0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases		0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach		2	0
11	" " lung		4	1
12	" " breast	• • •	0	1
13	., , Uterus	• • •	0	1
14 15	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms		7	9
16	Leukæmia, aleukæmia Diabetes		1	1 1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	• • •	0	2
18		• • •	27	19
19	Coronary disease, angina Hypertension with heart disease	- • •	3	3
20	Other heart disease		22	34
21	Other circulatory disease	• • •		4
22	Influenza		5 3	1
23	Pneumonia	• • •		5
24	Bronchitis	• • •	5 2	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	• • •	$\frac{1}{1}$	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		$\frac{1}{2}$	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	• • •	i õ	
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis		3	2 2
29	Hyperplasia of prostate		3	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion		0	0
31	Congenital malformations		2	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases		14	8
33	Motor vehicle accidents		2	0
34	All other accidents		2 2 3	5
35	Suicide		3	1
36	Homicide and operations of war		0	0
	TOTALS	• • •	124	123

### INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths under 1 year showing varying causes and ages.

Cause of Death	under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year
Prematurity	4				4					4
Status Epilepticus							1			1
Congenital malformation	1		2		3	1				4
Total	5		2		7	1	1			9

### SENILE DEATH RATE

Ag	e at Deat	h	-	Males	Females	Total
65—70				10	11	21
70—75	•••			22	22	44
75—80	• • •			27	17	44
80—85	•••			18	23	41
85—90	• • •	• • •		6	8	14
90—95		• • •		2	4	6
100—105	• • •			0	1	1
Totals	• • «	• • •		85	86	171
SENILE	DEATH	RAT	E 69°	% of total	deaths (1958	5—65.8)

### DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE

Cause		No. of Deaths	% of all causes	Rate per 1,000 of population	
Suicide	1955 1956	0 4	1.62	.205	
Road traffic accidents	1955	3	1.31	.154	
	1956	2	.81	.102	
Other violence	1955	3	1.31	.154	
	1956	7	2.84	.360	
Total	1955	6	2.62	.308	
	1956	13	5.2 <b>7</b>	.666	

### DEATHS FROM CANCER

	Site of Disea	se		Males	Females
Alimentary:	Stomach			 2	0
	Oesophagus	,		 1	0
	Colon			 2	3
	Caecum			 1	0
Respiratory:	Lung			 3	1
	Bronchus			 1	0
	Larynx			 0	1
Glandular ·	Breast			 0	1
	Prostate			 1	0
	Pancreas			 0	1
Reproductive:	Ovaries			 0	2
	Uterus			 0	1
	Vulva	• • •		 0	1
Other:	Bladder			 2	Ô
	Skin			0	1
Totals	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • •	13	12

Age at Death	Males	Females	Total
between 40 and 50	1	0	1
50 and 60	2	4	6
60 and 70	5	4	9
70 and 80	5	2	7
80 and 90	0	2	2
Totals	13	12	25
CANCER DEATE R	ATE 1 28	par 1 000 pa	nulation

CANCER DEATH RATE 1.28 per 1,000 population (1955: 1.64 per 1,000 population)

Approximately 1 death in 10 was due to Cancer

Observation Station	At Crosthwaite, Keswick, about 440 yds. from the Cockermouth Rural District boundary	Dale Head Hall, Thirlmere	Blackwood, Braithwaite	Cockermouth within 4 mile of Rural District boundary
Observer	T. Wilson, Esq.	Alan Atkinson, Esq. Engineer to Manchester Corporation Waterworks	C. Barnes, Esq.	M. M. Dixon, Esq. Surveyor
Diameter of Rain Gauge Funnel	5 inches	5 inches	8 inches	5 inches
Height of Gauge above ground	1 foot	1 foot	1 foot	1 foot
Height of Gauge above sea level	254 feet	620 feet	400 feet	330 feet
1956	ins.	ins.	ins.	ins.
January	99°03	5 71	4.02	2.80
reordary	0.78	1.59	1.33	0.71
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May		2.01	1.54 2 6	1.15
•		4.30	00.0	3.17
July		7.98	7.12	4.70
August		12.51	10.22	
September	4 10	6 11	4.96	( 00 or
October	4.50	7.11	5.51	9.18
November	.2	3 72	3.17	1.74
December	8.65	14.12	9.77	5.73
Totals	50.74	72.90	56.40	39 05
Average prev. 5 vears	59.23	91.23	67.06	43.67
1951—55 (incl.)	(Av. 54 vrs 57 15)	(Av 79 vnc 83 03)		

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total number of infectious diseases notified in 1956 was 189 (126 in 1955). Excluding measles and whooping cough the number is 28 (54 in 1955).

There were no notifications of Enteric Fever or Food Poisoning.

### CASES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER:

Pulmonary Non-pulmonary	 Males 62 4	Females 90 13	Totals 152 17
Totals	 66	103	169

### **POLIOMYELITIS**

During the year, poliomeylitis was fairly extensive in the north-west, and the neighbouring areas of Whitehaven and Ennerdale Rural District were fairly heavily involved. Only 2 cases occurred in this district and both were removed to Isolation Hospital where they made good recoveries.

The first was in the village of Brigham and action taken by this department involved search for contacts, house and garden quarantine for those contacts whose work brought them into close contact with others, and for schoolchildren, for three weeks, and absentation of others during the incubation period.

The second was an American tourist who intended to spend two nights at an hotel in this area as a break in her journey from Scotland to New York via London. A contact in this case was followed up as far as Paris.

The sources of infection were, we believe, respectively, Whitehaven and Dublin.

No secondary cases arose from either of these.

At the end of the year a vaccine was produced and distributed by the Ministry of Health, but because of the small amounts, only selected age groups were given the vaccine and even then a further selection at random was made with the result that the number who had a complete course (i.e., 2 injections at monthly periods) in this district, were 11 males and 14 females, a total of 25 whose birth years were from 1947 to 1954.

Those whose parents have given consent but were not included in this batch will be vaccinated when more vaccine becomes available. All the injections were given by me at clinics in the district, as the vaccine is distributed via the local Health Authority.

### **IMMUNISATION**

### DIPHTHERIA

Figures kindly supplied by the Divisional Medical Officer are given in tabular form showing the number of Diphtheria Immunisations carried out, and the position at the end of 1956.

Once again, no case of diphtheria was notified during the

year, the last notified case being in 1947.

### **SMALLPOX**

Age when vaccinated or re-vaccinated	Number vaccinated	Number re-vaccinated
Under 1	31	_
1	2	
2—4	3	_
5—14		1
15 or over	4	5
		_
	40	6

Vaccination against smallpox is not carried out at any of the local authority clinics in this county, and the figures in the table, therefore, relate to vaccinations carried out by general practitioners.

The acceptance rate is approximately 13 per cent. which is much too low for safety if smallpox ever breaks out in this county. Publicity campaigns, in my opinion, are of little avail unless the service is provided by the local health authority.

### B.C.G. (TUBERCULOSIS)

Mantoux testing, Mass Miniature Radiography and B.C.G. vaccination was continued in 1956, the age group concerned being those born in 1942.

Of the 49 consents given, all were tested and 16 (32.7%) were found to be positive reactors, i.e. to have been in contact with tubrculosis. The remaining 33 negative reactors were given B.C.G. vaccination which was successful in all cases. The figure of 32.7% for positive reactors compares favourably with the average for the county as a whole.

# DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION UNDERTAKEN DURING 1956

1956		
1955	50	
1954	17	1
1953	4	
1952	1	
1951	က	7
1950	3	29
1949	4	20
1948	1	5
1947		13
1946		29
1945	1	16
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1942 1943		
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f Birtl	Primary Inoculation	11.
Year of Birth	Primar	Booster

# STATE OF IMMUNISATION AT END OF 1956

Number of children under 15 years of age known to have been inoculated in the district.

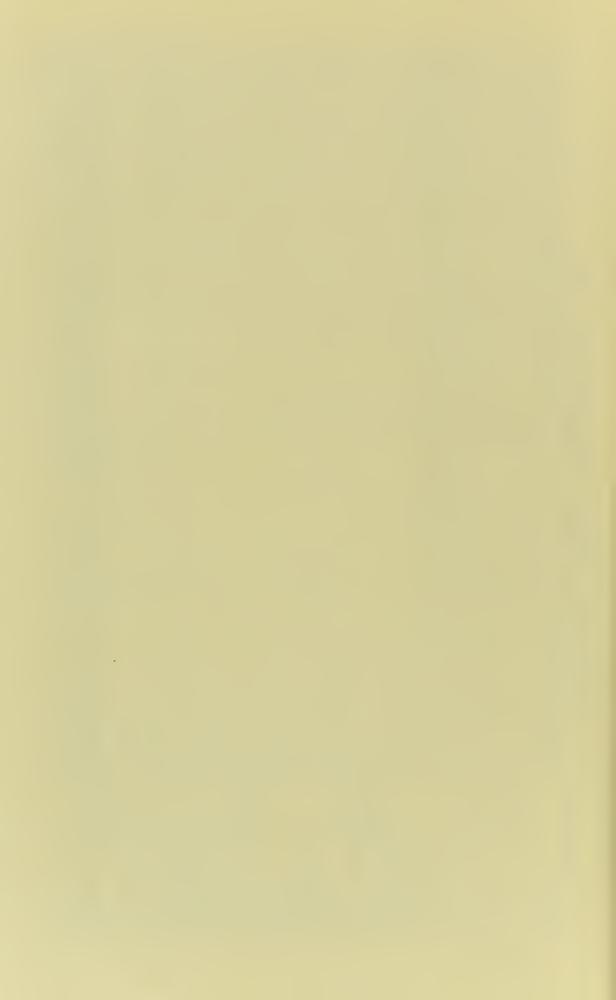
Age on 31/12/56	under 1	1-4	5—9	10—14	10-14 Total under 15
Year of Birth	1956	1952—55	1947—51	1942—46	
Number of children whose last course (primary or hooster) was completed in the period 1952—1956		522	1138	1026	2677
Number of children whose last course (primary or booster) was completed prior to 1952			305	472	777

# INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS, 1956

	Total	Malag	Homolog	Cases	Cases admitt-	Deaths			Z	Conth	ly inc	Monthly incident of disease	t of d	isease	o o		
	Cases		T. Cillianida	1,000 pop.	ed to hosp.	cases	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. July Aug.	Peb. M	lar. A	pr. M	ay Ju	n.Jul	ly Aug	S. Sep	Sep. Oct. Nov	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough	2 2 2	1 16	1 8 8	1.28	23			-				1 3					2
Poliomyelitis   Non-Measles	136	65	71	6.90			7					3		29	26	47	21
Acute Pneumonia Dysentery	7	9		.36			H	63	ന								
Acute (Infective Encephalitis																	
Enteric or Typhoid Fever Paratyphoid Fevers Ervsipelas													<del></del>				
Meningococcal infection Food poisoning Puerperal pyrexia									- b								
Ophthalmia neonatorum (Respiratory Tuberculosis	16	11		.83	16		7	63		82				- 23			
& C.N.S Otherforms	7		1	.05	1	1											
Totals	189	66	90	9.70	19	Т	ന	4	ಣ	4	- 23	6 	13	40		5.5	23
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# INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS, 1956

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	Seaton		9	N		16
	Plumbland	- m				131
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>	Dearham		00		1	6
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Distribution by Parishes	Clifton, Gt.	- 23	47		2	51
ri	Camerton					
iat	Вигрегтпете					
	Brigham	1	11		1	17
	Borrowdale		П			1
	Blindbothel					
	Broughton Moor					
	Bronghton		28			28
	Bridekirk		<u> </u>			-
	Bothel &c.			1		- 87
	Blinderake					
	Bewaldeth					- 27
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dis	5-9 years	7 2	28			36
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		t Fever	Measles Diplitheria	Dysentery  Smallpox  Acute  Rucephalitis   Infective  Post- Infectious  Enteric or Typhoid Fever  Erysipelas  Meningococcal infection  Food poisoning	Ophthalmia neonatorum (Respiratory) Tuberculosis & C.N.S	Totals
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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Cockermouth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on Public Health work carried out during the year 1956.

By an Act of Parliament the official designation 'Sanitary Inspector' has this year been changed to that of 'Public Health Inspector'—a sign of the times which may in some measure improve the status of that official in the long run. The former designation, and its less complimentary variations are, however, likely to continue in public use for some time.

Completion of the survey of water supplies, drainage, etc., has enabled a comprehensive Parish-by-Parish file to be compiled, together with village plans, the whole providing not only an essential basis for statistical purposes, but an invaluable identification record available to and used by each Department of these offices.

Once more I am pleased to acknowledge the willing co-operation of my own Staff and that of other Departments which, together with the consideration afforded me by the Members of the Council, has added so much to the pleasure and satisfaction of the work.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROWLAND E. DUNN,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

### HOUSING WORK COMPLETED 1956

### NEW BUILDING

During 1956 only 38 houses have been completed in the district, of which 20 were privately built and 18 built by the North Eastern Housing Association on behalf of the Council. Tables below set out the distribution and show the full position at 31st December, 1956.

In recording the lowest post-war total of local authority houses completed, it is appropriate to comment on the most disappointing progress made with the 30 houses at Broughton Moor where, despite advance laying of roads and sewers, not one house had been completed during the 14 months since the contractor entered on the site. If in fact the work had progressed normally, 48 houss would have been completed—2 short of the housing allocation for the previous year.

Severe curtailment of housing subsidies, together with increases in the bank rate caused a slowing down of advance housing plans, followed by a reappraisement of the whole housing situation, after which the Council decided on a future programme involving over 100 houses. They also agreed to a Rent Equalisation Scheme designed to establish a fund whereby the effects of the increased cost of housing could be shared by the tenants of both new and old houses.

Completion of purchase of land, laying of roads, sewers and water mains at the Council's site for private development at Crosby was carried out during the year, but at the 31st December, 1956, only 3 of the 29 have actually been sold. Here again, the same financial stringency which has affected the Council's own programme has deterred building of private houses, but it is hoped that this position will improve.

The following table shows the number of houses completed by the North Eastern Housing Association during the year:

Village	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Oughterside		6	8	4	_		_				_		18

The following table shows the houses privately built during the year:

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	Above Derwe	nt				4		
			• • •			1		
	Crosscanonby					1		
	Dearham				• • •	5		
	Lorton	• • •	• • •			1		
	Seaton	• • •		• • •	• • •	4		
	Underskiddaw		• • •	• • •	• • •	2		
						10	1.0	
						18	18	
		rities:		•••		2	2	
	(Forestry C	ommis	Sion)					
							20	20
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On the following page will be found the statement of houses built by or for the Council up to 31st December, 1956.

### TABLE I HOUSES BUILT AND OWNED BY THE COUNCIL:

Pre-war:		
Seaton (Lowca Lane) 12		
Seaton (Derwent Avenue) 28		
Great Clifton (Gatehead) 36		
Great Clifton (The Gavels) 12		
Belle Vue 8		
Prospect (Sea View) 12		
Broughton (Coldgill Avenue) 12		
Braithwaite (Croft Terrace) 4		
Total	124	
Post—war.		
Seaton (Leslie's Estate) 34	34	
Total houses built and owned by the Council	158	158

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Total	818
Total houses built and owned by N.E.H.A.	1098

TABLE III

### HOUSES BUILT IN EACH POST-WAR YEAR:

Year		Private	Municipal
1946		17	30
1947		24	108
1948		16	154
1949		- 11	88
1950		5	110
1951		20	54
1952		20	64
1953		19	70
1954		35	82
1955		26	74
1956		20	18
Averages	1946-56	19.3	76.5

### TABLE IV

### HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION:

Broughton	Moor		30
Private	•••	 	13
			43

### HOUSING REPAIRS & RENTS ACT, 1954

Another year has passed without a single enquiry being received regarding the permitted rent increases provided for under the above Act.

As a result, no applications have been made for certificates of disrepair.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLINGS

This year the giving of Improvement Grants to owners willing to renovate their property has been a major contribution to the housing of the district.

To the end of 1956 improvements have been made to and grant paid on 90 houses, and a further 22 grants have been promised.

	A	PPROVED	COMPLETED		
YEAR	Schemes	Houses Involved	Schemes	Houses Involved	
1950	2	2	_	_	
1951	5	6	2	2	
1952	6	11	8	8	
1953	8	8	5	5	
1954	17	20	8	14	
1955	31	33	22	23	
1956	29	32	33	38	
Totals	98	112	78	90	

In the early months of the year the Council's Improvement Scheme at Furnace Row, Distington, was completed. 22 cottages have been ocnverted 'two into one.'

This somewhat troublesome scheme has, despite difficulties, provided 11 families with vastly improved conditions in modern bungalows.

The Council gave consideration to an owner's offer of a pair of semi-detached properties without charge, other than legal fees. The houses are at Solway Mount, Crosby, and it was agreed that the offer be accepted and that the houses be re-conditioned. Tenders are to be invited for the work early in 1957.

### SLUM CLEARANCE

During 1956, six houses were represented under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, as being unfit and incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost.

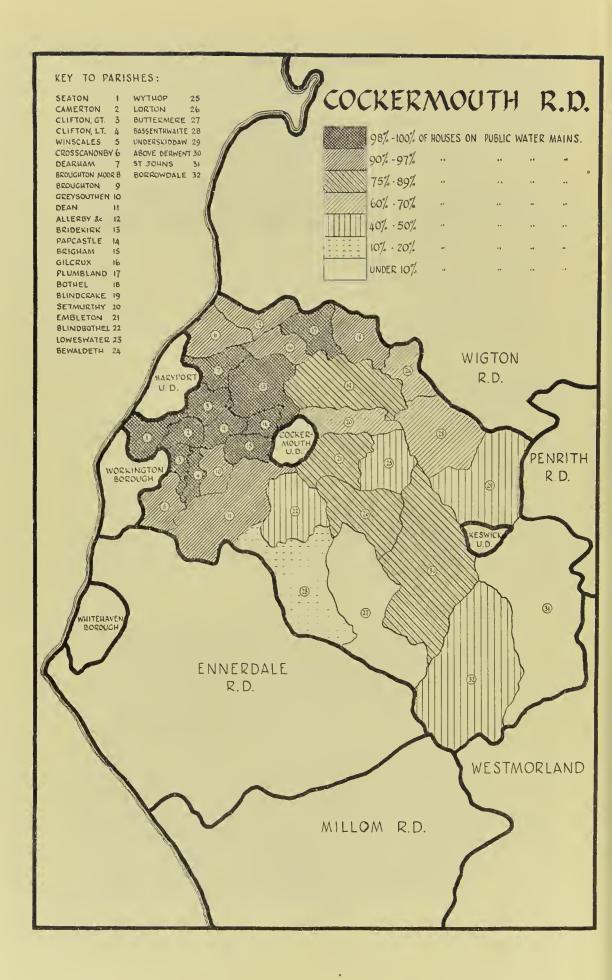
Undertakings were accepted in respect of two of these houses, the remainder being subject to demolition orders. Two of these will not in fact be demolished, because a new owner submitted plans and specifications for improvement and conversion to bungalows. On completion, in accordance with the proposals submitted, the Council intend to bring into effect Section 5 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act to revoke the Demolition Orders.

In pursuance of demolition orders previously made, 25 houses have been demolished during the year.

### Housing Appendix

### STATISTICS

i .	Inspect	ion of Dwelling-houses during the year:—	
	(1)	<ul><li>(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)</li><li>(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose</li></ul>	80 149
	(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925 and 1932) (Brought up to date)	0
	(2)	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
	(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
	(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	64
2.		y of Defects during the year without service of formal ices:—	
	Nur	nber of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	89
3.	Action	under Statutory Powers during the year:—	
	(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act. 1936:—	
		<ul><li>(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs</li><li>(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit</li></ul>	0
		after service of formal notices:—  (a) By owners  (b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
	(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
		<ul><li>(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied</li><li>(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were</li></ul>	I
		remedied after service of formal notices:—  (a) By owners	1
	(c)	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
		(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
	(1)	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	25
	(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—  (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	
		(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined	
		the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0



### WATER SUPPLY

The statistical tables overleaf and the map opposite, show that all the more heavily populated parishes are served by public supplies and these have, with few exceptions, been satisfactory. Of the supplies operated by this Council probably the most inconvenience to consumers has been due to temporary shortage during repairs or main-scraping, and not through any basic shortage.

In the less populated areas, mainly sited in the Lake District proper, there is generally a sufficiency of water from springs, mountain streams, etc., to maintain private supplies both in summer and winter. Lack of adequate storage capacity is the most common reason for shortage.

The number of samples of water taken and submitted for analysis slightly exceeds the number taken last year and the results are tabulated on page 30 of this report.

The formation of a Joint Water Board with Maryport U.D.C. has made little progress apart from the production of an expensive scheme to take water from the River Derwent at Cockermouth. It is something of a paradox that in a district which includes some of England's largest areas of inland water it has been necessary to select a source known to be polluted and requiring complicated treatment to provide a potable water.

A succession of monthly samples taken from the River Derwent at Cockermouth showed Coliform counts of 20, 160, 35, 40, 160 and 160 per 100 millilitres, indicative of the varying degrees of pollution to which the water is subject.

A circular received, from the Minister of Housing & Local Government in September 1956 may indicate the shape of things to come in that it asks for agreement among small contiguous water undertakings in forming Joint Boards for supply, distribution, etc. If necessary, compulsion by way of an Order made under Section 9 (2) of the Water Act, 1945, is envisaged. If this policy is pursued, it seems probable that the present Joint Board with Maryport U.D. will be merged into a Board of larger proportions.

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY

PARISH	AREA IN ACRES	TOTAL Houses	ESTIMATE OF POPULAT- ION	Houses served by collection
Above Derwent Allerby, &c. Bassenthwaite Bewaldeth Blindcrake Bothel Bridekirk Broughton Moor Blindbothel Borrowdale Brigham Buttermere Camerton Clifton, Great Clifton, Little Crosscanonby Dearham Dean Embleton Gilcrux Greysouthen Lorton Loweswater Papcastle Plumband Seaton	14756 2382 6915 2631 6901 3390 4799 1360 1736 4499 16663 1759 11231 1402 997 1080 2398 2149 8527 3951 2017 1646 5501 9411 1108 2568 2040	423 194 128 13 100 98 131 471 242 53 146 245 44 67 502 137 270 554 220 100 104 148 101 64 93 157 891	1376 640 409 44 359 291 726 1331 940 194 510 720 174 205 1450 438 853 1845 730 339 340 491 258 204 260 527 2584	421 193 120 13 98 94 129 471 238 35 141 243 41 67 502 137 267 554 211 88 96 139 89 55 93 146 891
Seaton St. Johns Setmurthy Underskiddaw Winscales Wythop	2040 19481 3298 8711 2652 3353	165 42 105 65 22	2584 481 138 345 235 71	143 21 105 55 16
TOTALS	161312	6095	19510	5902

### CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISTRICT

WATER	SUPPLY	\$	SEWERING	
Houses supplied from public mains	Estimate of population supplied by public mains	Houses connected to public sewer	Houses with private septic tanks	Houses without modern sanitation
358 185 79 9 87 92 129 471 242 25 73 242 — 67 497 137 262 550 212 77 101 142 72 10	1162 610 253 30 314 271 720 1333 940 94 260 711 	244 170 58 — 69 86 94 419 202 — 75 193 — 50 493 136 242 514 141 47 78 103 72 10	170 13 50 7 17 7 25 50 29 36 68 47 36 13 4 10 22 36 38 19 34 17 35	9 11 20 6 14 5 12 2 11 17 3 5 8 4 5 1 18 18 43 15 7 11 12 19
92 154 889 3 28 74 61 9	256 513 2578 11 110 241 225 34	87 136 858 49 11 65 29 2	6 13 28 87 20 31 19 17	8 5 29 11 9 17 3
5429	17418	4733	1004	358

### WATER SAMPLES

Forty-two samples of drinking water were taken during the year, and the results may be summarised as follows:—

### PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Hause Ghyll Supply	12. 3.56	Suspicious
Embleton Village Supply	23. 5.56	Satisfactory
Braithwaite Village Supply	23. 5.56	Excellent
Routenbeck Supply	12. 6.56	Unsatisfactory
Bassenthwaite Village Supply	12. 6.56	Unsatisfactory
Hause Ghyll Supply	23. 5.56	Excellent
Holme Beck Supply	23. 7.56	Excellent
Routenbeck Supply	10.10.56	Excellent
Holme Beck Supply	16.10.56	Unsatisfactory
(before storage and filtration)		

### PROPOSED PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Extension to Holme Beck	16.10.56	Unsatisfactory
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### TAKEN BY WORKINGTON CORPORATION

Six samples from the Crummock Supply were taken by Workington Corporation Officials who were good enough to forward copies of the results.

In all cases the water was classified as excellent.

### PRIVATE SUPPLIES

Twenty-six samples were taken from private supplies, generally at the request of the occupier. Of the samples taken, fifteen were satisfactory and eleven not satisfactory.

Advice was given on improving the quality of the supply where necessary.

### SEWERS AND DRAINS

The table set out on pages 28 and 29 of the report indicates precisely the present position regarding the sewerage, sewage disposal and drainage within each Parish of the District. The number of properties without waterborne sewage continues to diminish and whereas in 1955 there were 372 houses not provided with a W.C., the figure for 1956 is reduced to 358.

Although at the end of 1956 the result of the Engineering Enquiry into Branthwaite sewerage proposals was not received, it is now known that the Minister has given consent for the scheme to proceed. This is most satisfactory and also gives cause for optimism with regard to the re-submission of the long-deferred scheme for Thornthwaite, the sole remaining village of any size without satisfactory sewerage.

### REFUSE COLLECTION

The total cost of this service for the year was £5,610 10. 2. and covered approximately 5,902 houses, which gives a figure of roughly 19/- per house per annum or  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week.

As will be seen from the table on pages 28 and 29, nearly 350 houses have been added to the collecting list as a result of the re-organisation of collection outlined in last year's report. Most of these additional houses are outlying and scattered, and in addition, many houses which previously had a fortnightly collection now have a weekly one. Where unsatisfactory vehicles have been used in the past, the new diesel freighters owned by the Council have proved a great benefit.

It may be said that the aim set out in last year's report, that it is hoped that eventually a weekly collection will be made at every house in the district at a cost not substantially greater than under the old system, is well on its way to fulfilment.

### 1. MEAT

Of the 10 licenced slaughterhouses only 6 have been in regular use during the year, 2 have been used at irregular intervals, 1 has been used only for sheep, and the tenth has not been used at all. At this latter slaughterhouse the owner-occupier is no longer trading as a butcher and it is not proposed to renew the licence beyond 1957.

It is again worthy of note that in the second year since the County was declared an Attested Area no entire bovine carcase has been condemned in this district as being affected with tuberculosis, and, as will be seen from the table opposite, tuberculous conditions in cattle slaughtered for human consumption amounted to no more than seven, of which four were in offal of low commercial value. Reference to the Report of the Medical Officer for the year 1939, the last full year before control of slaughtering passed to the Ministry of Food, shows that 17 whole carcases of beef were condemned as being affected with tuberculosis. We have every reason to be grateful for the beneficial results of this compulsion at Government level.

### 2. MILK

No samples of milk were taken by the Department during the year but the officers had occasion to be critical of certain milk supplies which were subsequently sampled by the appropriate officers of the Ministry of Agriculture who also dealt with unsatisfactory conditions at the farms.

A total of 23 dealer's licences, authorising the use of the special designations "Tuberculin Tested" and "Pasteurised" were re-issued to persons other than producers and new licences during the year were granted in nine cases.

The application of the Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) Order, 1956, to the County of Cumberland on the 10th April, 1956, precluded the sale by retail for human consumption of any milk other than a Designated Milk. This has had the temporary effect of depriving some isolated hamlets and properties of their supply of milk and the practice of obtaining milk in jugs and other containers was made lllegal. Consumers' complaints arising from these restrictions were dealt with by the appropriate officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and by the end of April complaints made to this Council had ceased.

### SUMMARY OF SLAUGHTERING FOR THE YEAR 1956

Total number	1.111.4	Bullocks 133	Cows 677	Calves	Sheep 1,104	_
		133	0//	_	1,104	200
(1) Whole of	except tuberculosis earcases condemned	_			3	_
demn	rcase or organs con- ed ge affected with diseases	8	82	_	35	4
other	than T.B.	6.02%	12.11%	o —	3.44%	0.68%
b. Tuberculosi (1) Whole c	s only arcases condemned	_	_			
	rcase or organs con-	2	5		_	12
(3) Percenta	ge affected with T.B.	1.58%		-	_	2.04%
A tot	al of 2.502 carcases insp	ected dur	ing the	e year.		
	condemnation were as fo					
BULLOCKS:	1 Tuberculous head an 1 Tuberculosis of lung					
	2 Abcess of lungs 5 Cirrhosis of liver					
	1 Anigoma of liver					
COWS AND HEIFERS:	2 Tuberculosis of lung 2 Tuberculosis of head 1 Tuberculosis of meso 55 Fascioliasis and cirrh 2 Necrosis of liver 5 Abcess of liver 4 Cavernous angioma 1 Telengiectasis of live 5 Abcess of lungs	l and tong enteric fat nosis of li of liver				
	10 Foetuses and associa	ted organ	S			
SHEEP:	3 Whole carcases—ema 24 Fascioliasis and cirrl 1 Necrosis of liver 1 Hydatid cyst in liver	nosis of li		et		
PIGS:	8 Tuberculous heads 2 Tuberculosis of liver 3 Tuberculosis of mese 1 Tuberculosis of lung 2 Hearts with pericard 1 Cirrhosis of liver 1 Cysticercus tenuicoll 1 Abcess in leg	enteric fat s itis				

### 3. ICE CREAM

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 32 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream. In all cases the ice-cream is purchased from outside the district already wrapped.

### 4. OTHER FOODS

No occasion has arisen necessitating the examination of other foods or canned goods for unfitness.

### 5. BAKEHOUSES

One additional bakehouse came into operation during the year bringing the number of bakehouses registered to four.

In connection with a case of suspected food poisoning which occurred in the Urban District enquiries led to an investigation of the production of meat pies in one of these bakehouses, but the possibility of a meat pie being the vehicle of infection was eventually discounted.

### CONTROL OF PESTS

There has been a slight increase in the amount of work carried out in connection with rodent control and again the bulk of the treatments were carried out on Council refuse tips and at sewage disposal works. Although there was an increase in the number of notifications of infestations on private premises most were of quite a minor character.

Visits to treat Council-owned properties totalled 72 and to private premises 36, but of the latter, some relief was afforded to the Council in that after initial laying of baiting points with Warfarin, the tenant was able to carry out instructions regarding replenishment of the bait and so save repeated daily visits by the Inspectors.

On two occasions, houses were treated for the presence of fleas—both following the death of the tenant. Complaints of three infestations by cockroaches were also dealt with and two infestations of dwelling-houses by flies and bluebottles were investigated. Advice was given and in one of the cases a breeding ground was eliminated.

### FACTORIES

A total of 69 factories are entered in the Factories Register, 56 of these being equipped with power-driven machinery.

The following is a summary of the various trades or processes carried out:

	Powered	Non-powered
Joinery & Sawmilling	21	7
Motor Vehicle Repairs	14	
Quarrying	10	_
Blacksmithing	1	2
Cobbling & Shoemaking	3	1
Baking	3	1
Dressmaking		1
Heavy Engineering	1	
Polishing	1	_
Railway Waggon Repairs	_	1
Laundry	1	_
Welding	1	_

Building sites apart, 24 inspections have been recorded as carried out specifically under the Factories Act, and of these 6 were inspections of bakehouses.

The following table shows the position under the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948, in this district at the end of 1956:

		lo. on gister		Written notices		Defects remedied
(i)	Factories in which Sects. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the local authority		6	_	_	_
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the local authority	56	18	_	2	1
(iii)	Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the local authority	3	3	_	_	_
	TOTALS	71	<del>27</del>		<u>2</u>	1

(Note: Section 1 refers to cleanliness, 2 to overcrowding, 3 to temperature, 4 to ventilation. 6 to drainage of floors, 7 to sanitary conveniences).

### CAMPING

The annual problem of indiscriminate camping in the Lake District, though not so pronounced as during the glorious summer of the previous year, was still one of some magnitude. Such campers have enjoyed to the full the "free period" allowed under existing legislation, but a minority continue to abuse the countryside with deposits of litter, tins and human excrement, probably knowing full well that unless caught in the act, it is unlikely that the fruits of their selfish behaviour will be laid at their door. Particular landowners have shown a remarkable lack of interest in the anti-social behaviour of the transient occupiers of their land, when it would have been relatively simple to make occupation by tent or caravan conditional upon acceptance of a code involving provision of a latrine and avoidance of depositing litter.

One new caravan site was licenced during the year, but the total of licenced sites remained at 10 as previously, owing to discontinuance of one other site. All these sites were being properly supervised and from the Health Department's point of view they are infinitely easier to control than the indiscriminate and widespread distribution of tents and caravans previously mentioned.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No occasion arose during the year when the provisions of Section 47 of the Act were required to be brought into operation. It is of interest to mention, however, that the 94 year old man who last year was accommodated in the County Council's Welfare Home at Penrith is in relatively vigorous health and is known to have made the comment that if he had known he would be so well looked after, he would have gone there voluntarily years ago.

### SUMMARY OF VISITS OF INSPECTION DURING 1956

Ash-place, ashbins							1
Burials							
Camping—Sites				• • •			12
Individu				• • •			8
Cesspools, sewage				• • •			9
			• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2
Pail	• • •				• • •	• • •	
Privy midd			• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	
Dairies, milkshops,		tores	- • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	8 6
Dangerous structur Drains: Inspected	CS	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	16
Tested			•••	• • •	•••	• • •	10
Dykes and waterco						• • •	4
Factories: Power							7
Non-po							14
Flooding			• • •				3
Food poisoning							1
Food & Drugs Act							6
'		chers S					3
		Shop	-				2
		engroc					
	Gro						2
	lce-	cream	premis	ses			1
	Rest	taurani	t kitch	ens			16
	Othe	er foo	dshops				22
			ouses				3
			pection				727
			od Va				13
Houses inspected:						• • •	32
			wding			• • •	1
			t Gran			• • •	117
Housing allocation			• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	212
Infectious diseases				• • •	• • •	• • •	8
Infectious diseases, Meetings and Inter	re-ms	pection	.15	• • •	• • •	• • •	73
Miscellaneous visit	VIEWS			• • •		• • •	249
National Assistance					f care	and	243
							6
Nuisance inspection							44
Nuisance re-inspect							33
Outworkers			• • •				
Pests Act							95
Prosecutions							2
Refuse Tips							14
Samples: Milk							_
Water							23
Other							
				• • •			
Sewage disposal							8
Shops Act, 1934							
Smoke, dust, fumes			• • •	• • •			_
Verminous premise			• • •	• • •	• • •		3
Water Supplies							20





